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### **Franklin County Commissioners Recognize International Women's Day**

Franklin County Commissioners, in recognition of International Women's Day (March 8), honor and celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

International Women's Day is a global day which has been celebrated since oppression and inequality spurred women to become more vocal and active in campaigning for change. 2011 marks the global centenary year for International Women's Day – 100 years since the first International Women's Day event was run.

Over 51% of the Franklin County population is women and since the earliest days of our history, women have been making an impact on our local communities. At the turn of the century, women in Ohio played pivotal roles in developing area churches and schools.

"International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate the important accomplishments of women in Franklin County that have improved the lives of people here and around the world. I encourage our young women to surround themselves with women who can inspire and mentor them and help them to become exceptional," said Commissioner Marilyn Brown.

"Since Franklin County's founding in 1803, women have contributed as an integral part of our community and our country. We must continue to recognize the gifts of over fifty percent of our population, and continue to ensure that both America's sons and daughters may serve their country and community as their personal gifts may allow," said Commissioner Paula Brooks.

"International Women's Day serves as a source of inspiration to continue fighting for women's rights and equality throughout the world," said Commissioner O'Grady. "The success of women is directly related to more vibrant, healthier and stronger communities."

More information on International Women's Day can be found via their website (<http://www.internationalwomensday.com>), including a list of IWD events taking place in the Central Ohio region.